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Laying of Corner Stone of New Masonic Temple Saturday Nov. 25, 1922, 2 P. M.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILL BE OPENED
AT MASONIC HALL, LOMITA, SATURDAY, AT 1:00 O'CLOCK
P. M. WHERE MASTER MASONS WILL ASSEMBLE BE-
FORE LEAVING FOR THE CEREMONIES



The Impressive Ceremony of the laying of the corner stone for the new Masonic Temple, Torrance Lodge No. 447, F. & A. M., Torrance, will be held next Saturday, November 25, 1922, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Lodge and the City of Torrance will be highly honored by the presence of Deputy Grand Master of the State of California, Arthur S. Crites of Bakersfield, who will be in charge of the ceremonies.

A most cordial invitation is extended the public to attend, when one of the most beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Masonic Ritual will be witnessed.

This occasion will mark the culmination of a project very dear to the hearts of local masonry, and at this time a brief history of the lodge may be of interest.

Torrance Lodge No. 447 F. & A. M., was chartered October 15, 1914, the charter members being as follows:

R. O. Denison, R. R. Smith, H. Burmaster, C. A. Paxman, E. U. Keller, K. R. Andre, J. F. Stone, W. C. Winkler, C. E. Butts, H. M. Thomas, N. A. Leake, J. W. Post, H. A. Marx.

The first master was R. O. Denison and the following Past Masters served in the order named: K. R. Andre, C. A. Paxman, H. Burmaster, C. W. Northrup, R. L. Dinger, R. S. Jenkins, and the present Master, Paul J. Beall.

The lodge realizing the necessity of a permanent home formed the Torrance Masonic Building association as a separate body March 23, 1921, composed of the following Master Masons:

R. R. Smith, President;
W. A. Renn, Vice-President;
George W. Towne, Treasurer;
Paul Dynes, Secretary;
George W. Neill.

It was the desire of the directors of this association to erect a building of distinctive design, a building that would present a credit to the Fraternity and an ornament to the city—a Masonic Temple.

This new structure, a cut of which appears above, is a three-story brick, presenting the finest facade of vari-colored brick with

ornamental stone trimmings, together with other color schemes that harmonize is carried out even to the blending of the asbestos shingles with a beautiful effect between gables and around windows.

Architect Scott Quinn, a Master Mason of Westlake Lodge, Los Angeles, has taken a radical departure from the modern style of architecture in the building of business blocks. He designed the Elizabethan style that gives the front of the building gables and angles that are most pleasing to the eye, giving the complete building an individuality seldom found in smaller cities.

There will be two stores on the ground floor and above these the lodge room, 55 by 43 feet.

Both the second and third floors are to be devoted for Masonic uses only. In addition to the commodious lodge room with necessary ante rooms, there will be a banquet hall with stage and fully equipped kitchen. The suite of rooms occupying the front of the second floor are to be occupied by the Torrance Masonic club, an organization open to all Master Masons, irrespective of affiliation.

Stained glass windows will be used for the lodge room, lending the softest and most harmonious tones to the furnishings during the daytime, and shedding a subdued light on the street at night. The

roof of the building will be covered with colored shingles made of asbestos, the first of this kind to be used in a public building in this city.

The corner stone is a beautiful piece of polished granite. This will be carefully laid in a box before being covered over with cement. It will contain a complete roster of the lodge, and a copy of the Torrance Herald of November 24, 1922. A short program has been arranged for the entertainment committee as follows:

Opening address by R. R. Smith, Redondo Beach Elks band. Ceremonies attendant to laying of corner stone by Grand Master Arthur S. Crites. Song by Virginia Quartette, composed of Messrs. Curtis, Jenkins, Lessing, and Williams. Grand Orator Will H. Fischer of Los Angeles will conclude the program with an address appropriate for the occasion. Thus will end one of the fondest accomplishments of Torrance Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowers, George Bowers; and Mrs. H. F. Rees and her two sons visited Mrs. Rees' brother's chrysanthemum garden at Rialto, on Tuesday, November 21. They reported a wonderful trip, except for a sand storm near Santa Ana, but as usual were very glad to get back to Torrance.

SEVENTY-SIX ACRES SELL FOR \$100,000

Long Beach, Redondo, and Local Capitalists Invest Here

Heading the real estate activities during the past week in Torrance, which, since its inception a few months ago, has attracted so much attention throughout Southern California, was the purchase of a 51-acre tract by a syndicate of Long Beach and Torrance bankers and business men, and a 25-acre tract by Long Beach and Redondo men. Both of these tracts were purchased from the Dominguez Land Corporation for a consideration of approximately \$100,000.

Officials of the land company stated yesterday that within a short time virtually every acre of unleased land owned by the corporation in the vicinity of Torrance would be sold. It is said that several subdivision men were figuring on tracts in the unleased acreage, and that at any time they may be taken off the market.

From reliable sources it is learned that before Saturday night a realty deal of the greatest magnitude will be closed involving the payment of a greater amount of money than has ever heretofore been expended by a single individual or company.

Torrance Field Is Recognized

Sharing the opinion of many other oil operators that Torrance rather than Redondo should be credited with the remarkable production of oil in and near the former city, F. C. Ripley, manager of the Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil Company has given orders that hereafter in all reference to the activities of his company, it will be referred to as being in the "Torrance oil field."

In addition to instructing the officials and employees of his own company Mr. Ripley has signified his willingness to cooperate with the Torrance chamber of commerce in inducing the other companies operating either within or adjacent to Torrance to refer in their letters and public utterances to the field as the "Torrance oil field."

El Prado Cafe Enlarges Service

As evidence of their faith in the immediate growth of Torrance, the proprietors of the El Prado Cafe are installing \$2000 more in equipment and fixtures this week. When seen yesterday Mr. Meinzer said they were installing two large refrigerators, warming ovens and other essentials in the kitchen that necessitate serving their increasing trade with dispatch. The El Prado Cafe is becoming a popular headquarters for banquets, as the senior partner of this restaurant spent many years in this particular line of service.

H. D. Pottenger Has Office Here

H. D. Pottenger, former secretary of the Torrance chamber of commerce, has recently become affiliated as general agent in Long Beach, San Pedro, Torrance, and Lomita with the Union Pacific Manor Second, probably the largest single building proposition ever launched in Southern California.

Mr. Pottenger will have local offices at 1215 El Prado street.

In this connection the attention of our readers is called to the double-page map of the East Los Angeles industrial district, and especially to an article that will be published next week by Willis Owen, railroad industrial counselor, on the probability of East Los Angeles soon becoming a second industrial center similar to the wonderful Central Manufacturing district of Chicago, where at the present time there are 15,000 workers employed and where the payroll is thirty million dollars annually. The publisher regrets that the interesting article was received too late for publication. Owing to its being of the greatest interest to the public generally it was thought advisable to hold it over until next Friday, when it can be published in its entirety.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Olson of South Andrew street, were over Sunday guests of Mrs. Schaefer at Whittier.

Because of the lateness in receiving much of the news copy this week, it was necessary to leave out many live stories. The rush of news at the last moment grows, and is one of the difficult problems the Herald has to contend with.

Gadeky Appointed New Secretary of Torrance Chamber

Appointment of Harry F. Gadeky, a citizen of Torrance but a resident of San Pedro, as secretary of the Torrance chamber of commerce, was made Monday afternoon by the Board of Directors. Mr. Gadeky is special deputy head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, and as his lodge contract does not expire until the first of the year, will only devote a part of his time to the chamber duties until January 1.

Mr. Gadeky has been a resident of Los Angeles county for sixteen years, and has been identified with its civic affairs during that period. He is a lawyer by profession, and edited a country newspaper in the Middle West before coming to California. He has been closely associated with Torrance and its citizens since early in the month of April, and will reside here as soon as he secures a residence. He has made only one pledge to the chamber of commerce, and the citizens of Torrance and community, and that is "to at all times give them his best efforts." He desires to see and hear expressions from all citizens at the Forum meeting at American Legion Hall next Monday evening.

T. D. Co. Banquet At Meinzer's Cafe

The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Torrance Development company was held Wednesday night at Meinzer's Cafe, where matters affecting the company and a discussion of its future plans were gone into.

The company was organized about four years ago for the purpose of assisting in the development of Torrance in general and the company's property near the Pacific Electric shops in particular. On the latter tract ten houses were erected and have been continuously rented since.

The directors of the original company are Wallace Post, Hurum Reeve, George W. Neil, W. E. Sheehart, and A. G. Pruitt, all of whom attended Wednesday's banquet at the El Prado Cafe, where a nine-course dinner was served.

December 5 Date Of Big "Party"

The "Merchants' Party," referred to in the columns of this paper last week, is at last assured by the selection of the date and the preparation of a tentative program.

The date is the evening of December 5, the place the Torrance theatre, and the program—well, the program will be the biggest laughfest ever enjoyed by theatregoers in this section.

Entering into the spirit of the movement with his usual enthusiasm, Manager McVey is now engaged in making a careful study of the big comedies and comedy-dramas in the various film exchanges in Los Angeles, and his demand is "the best you have."

While the feature has not yet been actually selected it will be a big comedy-drama, preceded by a comedy and followed by a program of local talent that from reports will make a decided hit with the hundreds who will attend.

The feature of the evening, however, will be the giving away of several hundred dollars in prizes by the visiting merchants, who have informed Mr. McVey that there will be no limit to the number or value of prizes that will be given free to those attending the performance.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Torrance P.-T. A. will meet on December 13 at 2 o'clock, on account of the long program.

As this meeting falls on what is known as Posture Day, the program has been given over entirely to the teachers after a short business session.

There will be drills from each room on the lawn and judges will be chosen from the P.-T. A. to decide on best room in posture and drilling.

Miss Beach of the kindergarten will have a short exercise. Short talks to mothers on posture work will be given by children from different rooms; illustrated by children from the same rooms.

All interested in the schools are invited to be present, whether members of the P.-T. A. or not.

BOX LUNCH SERVES MEALS

C. E. Rathbun, manager of the Torrance Box Lunch Cafe in the Brighton building, who opened his place of business a short time ago, has been so overwhelmed with requests for hot dinners as an adjunct to his box lunch service that he has recently installed a lunch counter and tables where thirty-five cent dinners are being served quickly to Tool Company employes and others.

NEW OIL LEASE IS SOUGHT BY EXPERTS

Hub Company, Owner of Four Leases to Drill Soon

Oil men were busy throughout the week endeavoring to acquire new leases in the Torrance area, and indications were that the next few weeks would see new companies drilling in the field. The Hub Oil company, which holds four leases within the city limits, will be compelled to start drilling within the next sixty days to hold one of the leases, and has indicated that it may start operations before the time limit expires. The Hub company has a number of wells to drill in the Signal Hill district, and is delaying drilling in Torrance until its hands are a little freer.

At least eight of the wells being drilled in the Torrance field are expected to come in between now and December 25. Three new derricks mad their appearance last week. They were put up by the General Petroleum, Union, and Shell Oil companies. Drilling will be begun immediately.

C. of C. Forum In Legion Hall

President Gourdier of the chamber of commerce is sending out several hundred postal cards notifying members of the organization and others that on next Monday evening the public Forum will be held at the American Legion Hall.

The two-fold purpose of the meeting is to introduce to those present the chamber's new secretary, H. F. Gadeky, an account of whose appointment will be found in another column; and a frank and open discussion of the methods of conducting a chamber of commerce. Speakers from out of town will give short, snappy speeches, and a buffet luncheon of "hot dogs" and coffee will be served. It is expected that Monday's meeting will be one of the largest in the history of the organization.

Woman's Club Holds Meeting

Woman's Club of Torrance met Monday, November 20, at 2:30 o'clock, at McKinley Inn. After the minutes were read and approved the treasurer read her report and also a report on the card party held November 13th. These reports showing a balance in the treasury. It was voted to set aside \$150 as a building fund.

Mrs. Garner, Federation secretary, gave an account of the conference of the Federation Secretaries held in Los Angeles on Thursday, November 16th.

Mrs. Sammons read a couple of postcards from Mrs. W. C. Harris, who is visiting in Florida, sending greetings to the club, and telling of visiting other clubs. A communication from the chairman of the home economics section was read. A vote of thanks was given the ladies who planned and successfully carried through the card party.

Mrs. Curtiss, chairmann of the program committee, then took charge and a very delightful program followed.

Mrs. Louis Smith gave a short paper on Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Mrs. Grace Garner, of Hermosa Beach, a teacher in the Western Conservatory of Music of Chicago, spoke for a few moments on the school and then introduced two pupils, Miss Katherine James, who played a piano solo; "Two Little Frogs," and William Rettinghouse, who played "Left Handed Theme," by E. Perkhert. Mrs. Garner played a Prelude and an Etude, "Autumn Winds," by Chopin. A reception was then held for the new members, tea and cake being served and a social time was had by all.

WOODMEN NOTES

Tonight is Woodmen night at Long Beach. The Modern Woodmen Camp of Long Beach will dedicate their new hall at Seventh and Elm, this evening. They have invited the Torrance Camp to attend. There will be a big class adoption and a general good time is assured. If you can possibly go, be at the Torrance Pharmacy at 7:00 p. m. with your car, or to ride with someone else, if you haven't one.

Wednesday evening was the regular meeting to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Nominations will be open until the next meeting, the second Wednesday in December, upon which night will be held the election. Remember the date and be there to assist in the installation of officers.